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Ms Marlene H Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S W, TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554 OPICI

RE Ex Parte Notice

In the Matter of

Federal State Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No 96-45

Dear Ms Dortch

Consistent with commission rules, this communication is submitted to be filed in the above referenced docket. Today I met by teleconference with Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service member Bob Rowe. The primary focus of the discussion was on the ETC designation process. Specific issues discussed were primary line, comparable standards and high quality standards, equal access, and cost basis reporting.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc Hon Bob Rowe